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In the wake of the suspicious Ohio plane crash that killed Republican Party insider and IT wizard Mike Connell, WMR has learned that a spate of deaths of incumbent and former members of the House of Representatives deserve another closer look.

WMR has learned from well-placed government sources that senior members of the House of Representatives Financial Services Committee and its Financial Institutions and Consumer Credit Subcommittee had been briefed as early as last year on the coming sub-prime mortgage and the domino effect on Wall Street and the banking industry.

In May of this year, members of the House Financial Services Committee and Ways and Means Committee were briefed on the coming financial collapse of Wall Street and the possibility of the devaluation of the U.S. dollar, certain massive home foreclosures, pension loss, bankruptcies, and high unemployment, and the potential for rioting throughout the United States. As a result of the congressional briefings, plans were implemented for invocation of continuity of government operations in the event Washington, DC was paralyzed by civil insurrection.

On April 3, 2008, WMR reported: *"WMR has learned from knowledgeable sources within the US financial community that an alarming confidential and limited distribution document is circulating among senior members of Congress and their senior staff members that is warning of a bleak future for the United States if it does not quickly get its financial house in order. House Speaker Nancy Pelosi is among those who have reportedly read the document."*

The document is being called the 'C & R' document because it reportedly states that if the United States defaults on loans and debt underwriting from China, Japan, and Russia, all of which are propping up the United States government financially, and the United States unilaterally cancels the debts, America can expect a war that will have disastrous results for the United States and the world. 'Conflict' is the 'C word' in the document.

The other scenario is that the federal government will be forced to drastically raise taxes in order to pay off debts to foreign countries to the point that the American people will react with a popular revolution against the government. 'Revolution' is the document's 'R word.'

The origin of the document is not known, however, its alarming content matches up with previous warnings from former Comptroller General David Walker who abruptly resigned as head of the Government Accountability Office (GAO) in February of this year after repeatedly publicly warning of a 'financial meltdown' disaster if America's \$9 trillion debt was not addressed quickly."

We have since learned that significant input to the C&R document came from the Department of Homeland Security.

According to our sources, one of those who was appalled at the lax manner in which the Bush administration had regulated the banking and securities industry was the ranking Republican member of the Financial Institutions and Consumer Credit Subcommittee, Representative Paul Gillmor (R-OH).

The congressional oversight committees had been briefed on the coming storm. In April 2007, New Century Financial, the largest US subprime mortgage lender, filed for bankruptcy. In August 2007, American Home Mortgage filed for bankruptcy and Countrywide borrowed \$11 billion to avoid bankruptcy. Further red flags went up in September when the United Kingdom's Northern Rock failed.

Gillmor, a moderate Republican, was reportedly livid about the coming collapse and vowed a full investigation. Gillmor, according to our sources, was fed up with the neocons and the damage they caused the United States on all fronts: foreign policy, constitutional infringement, and the looting of the public coffers.

Gillmor would never see his wish to bring those accountable to justice. On September 5, 2007, Gillmor's

congressional aides were alarmed when he failed to answer his phone or emails at his Alexandria, Virginia home near Crystal City. Gillmor had not shown up for a 9:15 am staff meeting and a 10:30 am meeting of the House Financial Services Committee. Two aides went to Gillmor's home and found his body laying at the base of the stairs near the entrance to the townhouse. Gillmor was 68 and a friend of Gillmor's told WMR that he was in good health.

On September 8, 2007, WMR reported: "Police, at first, and without an autopsy, said Gillmor likely died from a heart attack . . . Now, the Virginia Department of Health, on behalf of the Virginia Medical Examiner's office, is claiming that Gillmore died from "blunt force head and neck trauma" consistent with a fall down the steps. Police have ruled out foul play."

House Minority Leader John Boehner said Gillmor had died "overnight."

Some three months after Gillmor's now-suspicious death, American banks began to fail and in March 2008, Bear Stearns led the parade of future Wall Street collapses.

Also immediately, Gillmor's name was being dragged through the mud after unknown parties changed his Wikipedia entry and suggested that Gillmor had a secret:

"Paul Eugene Gillmor (February 1, 1939 - September 5, 2007) was an American politician of the Republican Party who served as the U.S. Representative from the 5th congressional district of Ohio. The district, the second-largest in the state, includes Bowling Green and most of Toledo's suburbs, including Fremont. He died on September 5, 2007 of sexual misadventure."

The Wikipedia entry was almost immediately removed and may have been an effort to tarnish Gillmor in the same manner as leaked criminal investigation information about trysts with female escorts was used to bring down New York Democratic Governor Eliot Spitzer, a fierce critic of Wall Street's financial scams. The smear of Gillmor, however, was an attempt to besmirch a happily married man with five children.

One person who worked with Gillmor on financial issues was Republican Representative Jennifer Dunn, who retired from the House in 2005, but had served on the House Ways and Means Committee and the Joint Economic Committee. Dunn collapsed and died of a pulmonary embolism at her Alexandria, Virginia home in the same town and on the same evening that Gillmor died.

On August 19, 2008, Gillmor's Ohio colleague Representative Stephanie Tubbs Jones (D-OH), who served on the House Ways and Means and Appropriations Committees with Dunn, suffered a cerebral hemorrhage while driving her car. A Cleveland Heights policeman noticed that Tubbs Jones' Chrysler was driving erratically around 9 p.m. The policeman said he found Tubbs Jones unconscious after her car stopped. Tubbs Jones died the next day. She was to travel to the Democratic National Convention four days later as an Ohio superdelegate.

Tubbs Jones was a bitter critic of former Ohio Secretary of State Kenneth Blackwell and was convinced that Blackwell and Karl Rove engineered the theft of Ohio's 20 electoral votes in 2004. The one man who could have testified about that theft was Mike Connell. However, the December 19 plane crash that killed the GOP IT guru silences a key witness in the 2004 Grand Theft Election.

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